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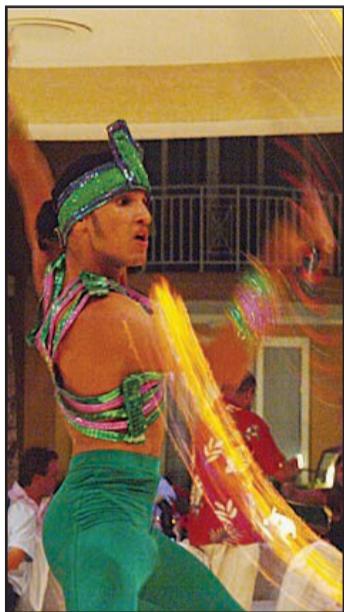
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Pure Beach hosts a purely sumptuous farewell to CATA 2010 delegates



Firedance by Sabor Latino

The final evening of the 21st Conferencia Annual di Turismo Aruba, CATA, which welcomes travel professionals from the Latin and Central Americas, drew to a close on Thursday evening by introducing them to Pure Beach, the stunning in-house restaurant that opened this past year in the new Divi Phoenix Beach Suites.

A suitable place to impress some very jaded travel specialists, the delegates were welcomed by Alex Nieuwmeyer, General Manager of Divi Properties on Aruba and introduced to Divi Phoenix's new GM, John Neophytoll and the rest of the Divi managerial and sales team.

A lively local band, This and That, provided the perfect music for dancing and Sabor Latino Dance Group gave a memorable show, but the highlight of the evening was the honoring of individuals who are dedicated to Aruba and its tourism product.

This year, the Aruba Tourism Association, ATA, and the Aruba Hotel and Tourism Association, AHATA, paid tribute to one of their own, Brazil ATA rep Ana Maria Os-



Ana Maria Ostrower



Alejandro Green



Gustavo Del Campo



trower, for the best media campaign for Aruba. Receiving the award for top producing Airline was Venezolana of Venezuela; Alejandro Green of All Ways Tours accepted on their behalf. Gustavo Del Campo, Director of Tower Travel in Buenos Aires, Argentina was named the top producing tour agency, and received his star of his unstinting support of Aruba as the Caribbean premiere destination.

The more than eighty delegates attending the annual

travel conference had a suitable ending to their stay, and the Divi Phoenix culinary team offered a stupendous beach barbecue buffet featuring gourmet lobster, shrimp and scallop skewers, rack of lamb and steak.

Delegates report they were properly impressed with the elegant surroundings of Pure Beach and the Divi Phoenix pool deck. They appreciated the opportunity to experience the new facility, as the singular most important part of their an-

nual attendance at CATA is to get acquainted with the myriad

ways island resorts continue to upgrade and improve.

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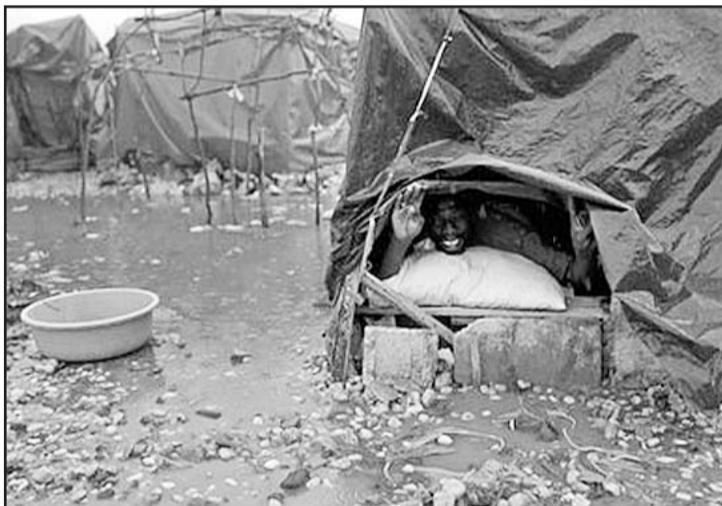
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Heavy rains swamp camps holding Haiti's homeless



A man looks from inside his tent at a homeless earthquake survivors camp during heavy rains in Port-au-Prince

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti — One of the heaviest rainfalls since Haiti's Jan. 12 earthquake swamped homeless camps yesterday, sweeping screaming residents into eddies of water, overflowing latrines and panicking thousands.

The overnight downpour sent water coursing down the slopes of a former golf course that now serves as a temporary home for about 45,000 people.

There were no reports of deaths in the camp, a town-size maze of blue, orange and silver tarps located behind the country club used by the U.S. Army 82nd Airborne as a forward-operating base.

But the deluge terrified families who just two months ago survived the collapse of their homes in the magnitude-7 earthquake and are now struggling to make do in tent-and-tarp camps that officials have repeatedly said must be relocated.

Aid workers said people were swept screaming into eddies of water and flows ripped down tents an Israeli aid group

is using to teach school.

People used sticks and their bare hands to dig drainage ditches around their tarps and shanties.

Standing water and mud also pervaded a tarp-and-tent city on the outskirts of Cite Soleil, several miles away. Residents waded through the shallow flood collecting their belongings.

Officials know they must move many of the 1.3 million people displaced by the earthquake before the rainy season starts in earnest in April. U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon told reporters at the golf-course camp Sunday that the people living there were in particular danger.

But after two months of searching and wrangling with landowners, the government has still not opened any of the five promised relocation sites that are better able to withstand rain and aftershocks on the capital's northeastern outskirts.

Aid groups are also struggling to open their own camps.

Dutch lash out at gay link in Srebrenica massacre

AMSTERDAM, The Netherlands — Dutch Prime Minister Jan Peter Balkenende attacked yesterday claims by a retired U.S. general that Dutch forces were overrun in Srebrenica in 1995 because of the presence of gay soldiers.

At a U.S. congressional hearing on Thursday on allowing gay soldiers to serve openly in the military, former NATO Supreme Allied Commander John Sheehan said there was a causal link between having homosexuals in the Dutch forces and the Srebrenica massacre during the Bosnian war.

"The remarks were outrageous, wrong and beneath contempt," Balkenende told a news conference.

Bosnian Serb forces overran lightly-armed Dutch soldiers in the United Nations-designated enclave in July 1995 and subsequently massacred more than 7,000 Muslim men and boys, the worst mass killing in Europe since World War Two.

In his remarks which also provoked angry reactions from unions and gay military groups, Sheehan blamed a post-Cold War effort by European nations to "socialize" their armed forces by, among other things, allowing openly gay soldiers to serve.

"That led to a force that was

Venezuela: OK to seek ex-president's extradition

CARACAS, Venezuela — Venezuela's Supreme Court has cleared the way for the government to seek former President Carlos Andres Perez's extradition from the United States.

Perez is wanted for trial on charges stemming from violence during 1989 protests over gasoline and transportation prices.

Prosecutors allege Perez ordered a harsh crackdown in which at least 300 people died. Rights activists say many were shot indiscriminately by security forces.

The 87-year-old former leader has lived in the Miami area for more than a decade and is reportedly in poor health. He is also wanted in Venezuela on corruption charges.

Thursday's ruling authorizes President Hugo Chavez's government to formally ask Washington to extradite Perez.

ill-equipped to go to war. The case in point that I'm referring to is when the Dutch were required to defend Srebrenica against the Serbs," Sheehan said. "The battalion was under-strength, poorly led, and the Serbs came into town, handcuffed the soldiers to the telephone poles, marched the Muslims off, and executed them."

Carl Levin, chairman of the U.S. Senate's Armed Services Committee, asked: "Did the Dutch leaders tell you it was because there were gay soldiers there?"

"Yes, they did. They included that as part of the problem," Sheehan said, according to a webcast on the website of the Senate Armed Services Committee.

"That there were gay soldiers?" Levin then asked.

"That the combination was the liberalization of the military, a net effect was basically social engineering."

The Dutch Defense Ministry called Sheehan's claims "absolute nonsense" and added

that gay Dutch soldiers routinely cooperate with the U.S. military in the NATO mission in Afghanistan.

Foreign Minister Maxime Verhagen called the claim "the bizarre private opinion of someone without an official function."

Renee Jones-Bos, the Dutch ambassador to the United States, said in a statement, "I couldn't disagree more" with Sheehan, adding there was no evidence of his claims in the extensive record of research on Srebrenica.

Military unions were equally angry. Dutch news agency ANP quoted the head of the military union AFMP as saying Sheehan's comments were "out of the realm of fiction," while the head of the gay soldiers' group SHK called his comments "the ridiculous conclusion of a loner."

The events in Srebrenica remain a sensitive subject in the Netherlands, where a six-year investigation into the massacre led to the government's fall in 2002.

Skeleton photo to be part of Holloway case

ORANJESTAD, Aruba — Police investigating the 2005 disappearance of teenager Natalee Holloway on Aruba say they will study a photograph of a skeleton found on the ocean floor.

Deputy Chief Adolpho Richardson, the lead investigator in the case, said the underwater photograph taken in October 2009 will be reviewed to determine if the skeleton is from Holloway, who was 18, The Birmingham (Ala.) News

reported yesterday.

The skeleton rests on the ocean floor off the coast of Aruba.

Holloway, who was from Alabama, was last seen outside a nightclub in Oranjestad, Aruba, prior to a scheduled flight home on May 30, 2005.

The photo was taken last year by John and Patti Mullaney of Rapho Township, Pa., during their Aruban vacation.

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Cleanup of Aruba continues



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Balashi were collected and also in Zeewijk where there was a concentration of more than 80 cars, which gave the neighborhood an ugly view and attracts mosquitos and other plagues.

The cleanup took place near the cemetery of San Nicolas. Hopefully now the neighborhood will remain clean. City Inspector Marlon Pietersz and the community polis will be controlling severely to avoid this. There will be fines for littering and illegal dumping on the island.

Let's all together keep Aruba clean!

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Three companies interested in Valero Aruba Minister of Energy Mike de Meza travels to Brazil

Recently, Aruba Prime Minister Mike Eman, Minister of Energy, ing. Mike de Meza together with Valero General Manager Mr. Ray Buckley held a press conference to give an update on the final status of the refinery. Before the conference the ministers had a short meeting with Mr. Buckley to officially inform him that the last details of Settlement Agreement are ready and that it is on its way to Parliament.

Essential laws were used to reach this agreement. The 1% BBO (Turnaround tax) on export products was abolished. The fiscal regime was changed and now the refinery must pay 7% income tax with a minimum of US\$ 10 million. For other refineries this is US\$ 15 million. The sum of Afl. 210 million, which normally would take years to enter the government's coffer, will be paid shortly and Valero will pay US\$ 1.2 million a year for property tax. Positive points which make it possible for the refinery to be more attractive for buyers or strategic partners interested in a joint venture.

Also discussed were the companies interested in Valero. On March 22 and 23, Minister de Meza together with Mr. Buckley will travel to Brazil to talk with Petrobras executives on a possible sale of Valero. Not only will they talk with the Petrobras executives, but also with two senators, Mr. Rouss-



eff and the main counselor of President Lula. A group of Canada, "Pacific Rubiales" which has oil mines in Colombia, is also interested in Valero. This is a small company, which makes it easier to negotiate with them, although there is doubt that the June 1 deadline will be met.

PDVSA of Venezuela is also interested. Minister Mike stated that he will go to Holland to talk to the Minister of Foreign Affairs, asking him for his support in the negotiation with Petrobras.

During the press conference Minister de Meza stated that the government is doing its utmost to keep the refinery open. There is constant contact with interested parties and every effort will be done to achieve a positive solution.



The reopening of Valero is good for Aruba and certainly for San Nicolas.

Mr. Buckley for his part expressed to be very satisfied with the diligent way the government is handling all matters concerning Valero.

Renovation work on Santa Helenastraat

ORANJESTAD – The Department of Public Works (DOW) announces to the general public, particularly motorists, that starting Monday, March 22, the department will start with renovation work on the Santa Helenastraat.

The street will be closed off starting at the roundabout on the Caya Ernesto Petronia till the crossing with the Driemasterstraat. There will be barricades and traffic signs indications from 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.

The renovation will last seven (7) days. All motorists, businesses and other users are requested to take notice of any the inconveniences this may cause, for which DOW apologizes.

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 - Scan the barcode on the t-shirt

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Messenger:

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- Select: Invite contact
- Select option: Enter a person's email address, pin or name
- SETAR's pin is 21818A17

In case a person tries to scan the SETAR barcode but the Messenger does not give the option "scan a person's barcode", this is probably because that person has an old version of Blackberry Messenger. The new version can be downloaded via Blackberry App World or use option 2 to add SETAR's pin number.

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Zair Tromp celebrates his first birthday



A much enjoyed birthday party was given to Zair Tromp in the Grand Caribbean Ballroom at the Radisson Aruba Resort Casino & Spa. The kids enjoyed a variety of games and music, face painting, spun sugar, sweets and cupcakes, lovingly prepared by Zair's family members for his friends and fans. The Radisson banquet and event team wishes Zair many more wonderful years to come.

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King Kong and Lady Kong on Aruba



Cool Casino had a surprise prepared for visitors, with King Kong and Lady Kong making live appearances in the casino.

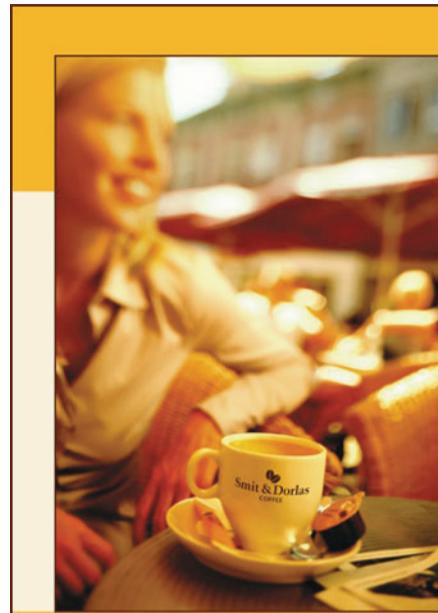
At the end of January the much-awaited King Kong Cash bank of slot machines was installed at the casino. The machines by Atronics, nicknamed the Eight Wonder of the World, are based on Universal Studio's monstrous movie adventure involving a beautiful actress and huge Gorilla.

Atronics developed King Kong Cash as the latest giant step in linked gaming and it features a 4-level progressive jackpot and interactive bonus

rounds, guaranteed to be as thrilling as the movie.

Casino Manager Marc Charley, reported that King Kong Cash has been enthusiastically received by players, never showing an empty seat, on the contrary, he added, players are lining up to play it, and are having a great time at the casino.

Pictured here Milagros Salazar, of Atronics interacts with players awarding prizes and surprises, as part of the special promotion that brought King Kong and his blonde damsel in distress girlfriend to Aruba.



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Peter and Geraldine Simonovitch honored at Divi Phoenix



Peter & Geraldine, time-share owners at the Divi Phoenix, were honored with a certificate of distinction on behalf of the Aruba government this week. The ceremony was conducted by the representative of the Minister of Tourism Francis Jacobs who thanked the couple for making Aruba their home away for home.

Francis also expressed sincere gratitude for the Simonovitch's loyalty to the island and its people, having brought many friends here along with family members, to introduce them to the wonders of Aruba.

Peter and Geraldine have visited the island since 1994 when they stayed at the Concorde. In their search for a perfect vacation spot they also stayed at the then-American, at the Radisson and at the Holiday Inn, even the Aruba Grand which they loved, coming here a total of 31 times. In 2001 they bought into Divi Resorts vacation ownership program, and concluded their search, as they have found paradise, they declared.

Also traveling with Peter and Geraldine are Donald and



Nancy Nussey, both couples are from Spencer, Massachusetts. Lillian Maduro representing the Divi Phoenix management team, arranged for a friendly toast and delicious hors d'oeuvres to mark the festive occasion. General Manager John Neophytou and Rooms Division Manager Pedro Vargas dropped in to also congratulate the honorees.

Science/Tech

Facebook Users targeted in massive spam run

Facebook's 400 million users have been targeted by a spam run that could infect their computers with malicious software designed to steal passwords and other data, according to security researchers at McAfee.

Over the last two days, millions of messages have been sent, which McAfee detected through customers running the company's security software, said Dave Marcus, McAfee's director of security research and communication.

The messages appear to come from Facebook, with a return address that looks legitimate but has been spoofed, such as "help@facebook.com," Marcus said.

The messages say that the user's Facebook password has been reset and the user should download an attachment that contains the new password. The English-language messages are grammatically correct, but contain an odd sign-off: "Thanks, Your Facebook." McAfee has included a screenshot on its blog.

The attachment is actually

Hollywood and Bollywood join arms to fight piracy

MUMBAI, India — Hollywood and Bollywood linked arms Thursday to fight piracy, with the announcement of a coalition among the Motion Picture Association of America and seven Indian companies to tackle counterfeiting in one of the world's largest film markets.

The alliance comes as Hollywood tries to tap global markets more aggressively and as Indian movie studios grow in size and stature — narrowing the gap between Indian and U.S. filmmakers, who have not always seen eye-to-eye on intellectual property issues.

A year in the making, the coalition to fight film piracy in India will work with movie

a Trojan horse program, which infects a computer without any visible signs. Marcus said the spam run contained a variety of malware programs, including password stealers, rogue antivirus programs or botnet code.

No Web site would automatically reset someone's password and send the new one in an e-mail, Marcus said. Facebook's high number of users makes it a prime target for spammers and hackers.

"There's a huge victim pool to go after," Marcus said.

Although it's unknown how many people may have been inadvertently duped, "I'd assume a lot of people would fall for something like that," Marcus said.

The spam is believed to have been sent from botnets called Cutwail and Rustock. Botnets are groups of computers that are controlled by hackers and often used for malicious activity such as sending spam or conducting denial-of-service attacks against Web sites.

Bollywood join arms to fight piracy

theaters to crack down on camcorder piracy — the source of 90 percent of all pirated DVDs — with police to tighten enforcement, with Internet service providers to fight Internet piracy and with politicians to create more effective laws.

MPAA, which has similar anti-piracy alliances in the U.S., Europe and Hong Kong, would not disclose the size of the coalition's budget but said funding would come from members.

The Indian film industry has a rich history of copycat productions and traditionally has had less respect for the sanctity of intellectual property than Hollywood would like.

Texan accused of disabling 100 cars over Internet

DALLAS — A man fired from a Texas auto dealership used an Internet service to remotely disable ignitions and set off car horns, police said. Several car owners said they had to call tow trucks and were left stranded at work or home.

"He caused these customers, now victims, to miss work," Austin police spokeswoman Veneza Aguinaga said.

Cloak of invisibility takes a step forward



WASHINGTON — From Grimm's fairy tales to Harry Potter, the cloak of invisibility has played a major role in fiction. Now scientists have taken a small but important new step toward making it reality.

Researchers at Germany's Karlsruhe Institute of Technology report they were able to cloak a tiny bump in a layer of gold, preventing its detection at nearly visible infrared frequencies.

Their cloaking device also worked in three dimensions, while previously developed cloaks worked in two dimensions, lead researcher Tolga Ergin said.

The cloak is a structure of crystals with air spaces in between, sort of like a woodpile, that bends light, hiding the bump in the gold later beneath, the researchers reported in Thursday's online edition of the journal Science.

In this case, the bump was tiny, a mere 0.00004 inch high and 0.0005 inch across,



Tourists view the colossus of Pharaoh Akhenaten in the Egyptian Museum showing his elongated head and feminine hips that long confounded Egyptologists, at the Egyptian museum in Cairo, Egypt. The identification of Akhenaten's mummy through DNA tests could be a step toward filling out the picture of a time 3,300 years ago when Akhenaten embarked on history's first experiment with monotheism.

so that a magnifying lens was needed to see it.

"In principle, the cloak design is completely scalable; there is no limit to it," Ergin said. But, he added, developing a cloak to hide something takes a long time, "so cloaking larger items with that technology is not really feasible."

"Other fabrication techniques, though, might lead to larger cloaks," he added in an interview via e-mail.

The value of the finding, Ergin said, "is that we learn more about the concepts of transformation optics, and that we have made a first step in producing 3-D structures in that field."

"Invisibility cloaks are a beautiful and fascinating benchmark for the field of transformation optics, and it is very seldom that one can foretell what practical applications might arise out of a field of fundamental research," he added.

In earlier research, a team

Japan celebrates tuna trade ban

TOKYO — The Japanese government, sushi lovers and seafood traders at Tokyo's massive Tsukiji fish market on Friday cheered the defeat of a proposed ban on trade in endangered Atlantic bluefin tuna.

The proposal for a ban on trade in hauls from Mediterranean and eastern Atlantic was crushed Thursday by a UN wildlife meeting in a move described by the European Commission as threatening the survival of the ocean predator.

"It was good," said Prime Minister Yukio Hatoyama. "It means the import of bluefin tuna will continue for the

led by David Schurig at Duke University developed a way to cloak objects in two dimensions from microwaves. Like light and radar waves, microwaves usually bounce off objects, making them visible to instruments and creating a shadow that can be detected.

The new research led by Ergin used infrared waves, which are close to the spectrum of visible light.

In cloaking, special materials deflect radar, light or other waves around an object, like water flowing around a smooth rock in a stream. It differs from stealth technology, which does not make an aircraft invisible but reduces the cross-section available to radar, making it hard to track.

Ergin's research was supported by the German Research Council, the state of Baden-Wuerttemberg, the European Commission and the German Ministry for Education and Research.

defeat of bluefin tuna trade ban

time being and I think it's good that the price of bluefin tuna will not rise further."

But he added that Japan "should be on alert as we still don't know what will happen" until the end next week of the meeting in Doha of the Convention on the International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES).

A smiling Finance Minister Naoto Kan said he often enjoys "negi-toro", minced fatty tuna mixed with leek usually served on rice.

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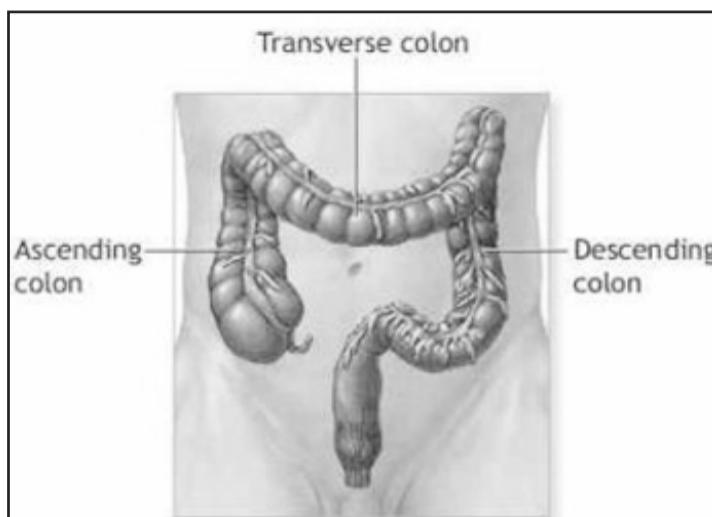
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Functions of the colon

The large intestine, which consists of the caecum, colon and rectum, is approximately 1.5 m long. It is responsible for the reabsorption of many nutrients and water, and ensures normal defecation. The colon is the site where most of the absorption of water, salts and vitamins synthesised in this organ by thousands of microorganisms, takes place.

Some food components, such as dietary fibre and oligosaccharides, which escape digestion in the upper parts of the digestive tract, are exposed to bacterial digestion in the colon. The colonic microflora, as these 'good' microorganisms are

called, not only digest otherwise indigestible food components, but also manufacture a variety of significant vitamins which can be utilised by the human body.

Vitamin synthesis

The microflora of the colon synthesise the following vitamins:

Vitamin K - essential for blood clotting

Vitamin B12 - prevents pernicious or megaloblastic anaemia

Thiamin (B1) and **riboflavin (B2)** - play an important role in most metabolic processes (energy release), keep the nervous system functioning optimally and help to lower homocysteine levels, which are implicated in heart disease

After synthesis, these vitamins are absorbed through the wall of the colon for use in the human body.

Production of SCFAs

The microflora of the colon also ferment otherwise indigestible food components

to short-chain fatty acids (SCFAs). The SCFAs provide fuel for the colonocytes (cells of the colon) and help with the absorption of water and salts.

Immunity

The colon and its microflora also help to boost immunity. Recent research has shown that a healthy population of various microorganisms, such as Lactobacilli, and Bifidobacteria, can contribute to general health and increase our resistance to various infections (Candida, Salmonella, Escherichia coli).

Cholesterol-lowering function

Research has demonstrated that diets rich in soluble fibre (pectins from fruit, and hemicellulose from fruit, oats, legumes and psyllium) are capable of lowering raised blood cholesterol levels.

Two theories have been suggested to explain this finding: either the soluble fibre in the colon binds bile acids, which are produced by the gall bladder, so that additional cholesterol has to be used up to produce more bile acids, or the microflora in the colon ferment the soluble fibre to SCFAs, which inhibit cholesterol production in the body.

What does a healthy colon require?

A healthy colon requires the following nutrients:

Plenty of soluble dietary fibre - fruit, oats, legumes (dry beans, peas, lentils and soya products) to bind bile acids and lower blood cholesterol levels

Plenty of insoluble dietary fibre - wheat bran and other wholegrain products - to promote regularity

Oligosaccharides - Jerusalem artichokes, asparagus, onions, garlic, and mushrooms, plus neutraceuticals (foods enriched with inulin and other oligosaccharides), which promote the viability of colonic microflora

Microflora supplements, which contain Lactobacilli or Bifidobacteria, to increase the number of 'good' bacteria in the colon

Yoghurt and fermented milk products, which contain live Lactobacilli - also to promote healthy microflora

Water to help dietary fibre swell up and promote peristalsis to regulate bowel

movements

Factors that disturb the health of the colon

Colon health is relatively easily disturbed by any of the following factors:

Diets with a low fibre content consisting of highly processed starches, protein and fat

Antibiotics, which destroy the microflora

Excessive stress
Infections causing diarrhoea

Use of harsh chemical and herbal laxatives

These factors, alone or in combination, can either destroy the microflora thus allowing harmful bacteria and yeasts (Candida) to take over and proliferate, or damage the normal peristalsis of the colon.

Cloves: The natural food antioxidant



ELCHE, Spain -- Researchers in Spain say cloves scored the highest marks as a natural antioxidant that may help fight the effects of aging.

Researchers at Miguel Hernandez University determined cloves contain high levels of phenolic compounds and other properties key to fighting off the effects of aging. They said these properties make cloves a good candidate for inclusion in food -- especially meat products -- as a natural preservative.

Cloves scored the highest

Chemical in bananas might combat HIV infection

A natural chemical in bananas may help protect women against sexual transmission of HIV, U.S. researchers report.

In laboratory tests, they found that a lectin called BanLec was as potent as two current HIV drugs. Lectins -- sugar-binding proteins found in plants -- can identify and attach to foreign invaders. By binding to the sugar-rich HIV-1 envelope protein gp120, BanLec blocks HIV's entry into the body.

The finding suggests that BanLec could become a less expensive and highly effective new component of vagi-

marks when tested on five characteristics of good antioxidants. Other high scorers among the spices of the Mediterranean diet tested included essential oils from oregano, thyme, rosemary and sage.

"These substances exhibit high antioxidant capacity, and could have beneficial effects for health," study co-author Juana Fernandez-Lopez said in a statement.

The study, published in Flavour and Fragrance Journal, focused on how Mediterranean diet spices might naturally prevent food from deteriorating. Fernandez-Lopez said the food industry currently uses synthetic antioxidants in its products but as these chemical compounds raise questions about potential toxicity and side-effects, there is a growing interest in using plant-based products.

nal microbicides, according to the University of Michigan Medical School researchers.

"The problem with some HIV drugs is that the virus can mutate and become resistant, but that's much harder to do in the presence of lectins," study author Michael D. Swanson, a doctoral student in the graduate program in immunology, said in a news release from the school. "Lectins can bind to the sugars found on different spots of the HIV-1 envelope, and presumably it will take multiple mutations for the virus to get around

Kraft to cut salt in its foods

PORTLAND, Oregon -- Kraft Foods Inc. said Wednesday that it will cut the salt in its products that are sold in North America by an average of 10 percent over the next two years to appeal to health-

conscious consumers.

The changes at Kraft, the largest U.S. food maker, will affect more than 1,000 products and eliminate more than 10 million pounds of salt over the two-year period, the company said.

Tip: Who's a Candidate for Gastric Bypass Surgery?

People for whom the surgery may be recommended

Gastric bypass surgery, sometimes recommended for obese people, involves re-routing the path that food takes, including shrinking the size of the stomach. But the procedure has a number of risks, including the possibility of post-surgical infection, blood clots or developing gallstones.

The U.S. National Library of Medicine says the following people may be candidates for gastric bypass surgery:

* People who are obese and are unable to lose enough weight by dieting and exercising.

* People who are committed to a diet and exercise regimen.

* People who are not mentally ill.

* People who do not have drug or alcohol dependency problems.

* People who have a body mass index (BMI) of 40 or higher; generally at least 100 pounds overweight.

* People who have a BMI of 35 or greater, in addition to a serious health problem that could get better with weight loss -- for instance, heart disease or type 2 diabetes.

Timeshare owners enjoy a beachside celebration of St. Patrick's Day at Playa Linda



guests and timeshare owners Richard and Pat Stone, and Walter and Beverlee Adamski, once again remembered to bring their party spirit to Aruba with an annual celebration of St. Patrick's Day on the beach.

"We don't just vacation in Aruba, we live here for the month we are here, and we enjoy our time with our Playa Linda neighbors," explains Walter Adamski as he sits under the decorated beach hut surrounded by friends and multiple generations of both the Adamaski and Stone clan.

Although none of the St. Patrick's Day revelers, in either family, can claim Irish lineage, they each possess a

PALM BEACH - The curious combination of palm fronds and four-leaf clovers delighted fellow beachgoers whose attention was immediately drawn to the gaily decorated, green garlanded beach hut at the Playa Linda Beach Resort. Long-time

lively personality and a definite propensity for having fun.

"Tomorrow I will sing 'Aruba Dushi Tera,'" says Richard Stone on his plans of singing Aruba's national anthem on Flag and Anthem Day. "But today I am toasting the occasion of St. Pats with green Balashi beer."

Pat Stone, who is attributed with starting the tradition of St. Patrick's Day merriment on the beach close to twenty years ago, looks forward to sharing trips to Aruba, as well as more St. Patrick's Day celebrations, with her kids and grandkids for many more years to come.

"We have it penciled into our calendar each March," she remarks with a wide smile.

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The culinary team of the resort delivered smoked salmon, poached shrimp, chilled asparagus, marinated artichokes and grilled Mediterranean vegetables as appetizers and Roast Tenderloin, Rack of Australian

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Alhambra Casino with tremendous Flag Day Bingo



On Thursday, Aruba's National Flag and Anthem day, Alhambra Casino treated patrons to a commemorative day. The fun started at 1:00 p.m. with a US\$ 8, 50 or AWG 15 - 8 Game Bingo. Bingo players spend the afternoon enjoying their favorite pastime, with so many ways to win, inclusive an additional US\$ 300 when covering all 4 corners within 8 calls.

Patrons had the chance to win the Progressive Bingo of US\$ 25,858 within 50 calls. Other prizes were the Progressive within 51 calls, US\$ 400; the Progressive within 52 calls, US\$ 300; and the Progressive within 53+ calls, US\$ 200.

The ambiance was very festive with drinks and "drigidek" - a local cake - for everyone. Looking at the faces of the

family Oduber, Nayibeth, Henrita, Viveca, Ethline, Xiomara and Marcia, one can deduct that the bingo was a complete success. Visitors Dawn, Suzann and Richard Cram agree that there is no place for fun like the Alhambra Casino. And Bingo caller Roy confirmed that.

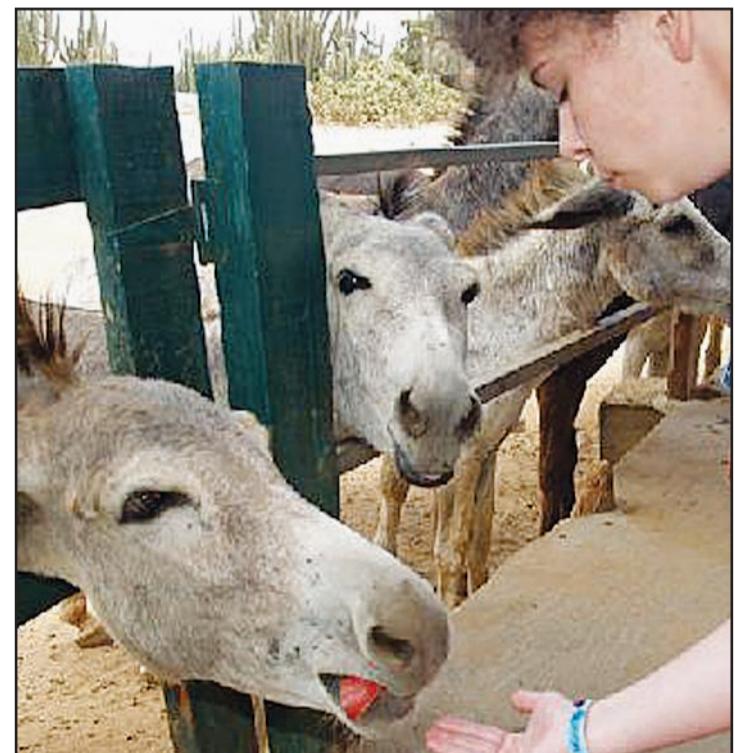
Photos show the lively ambiance at the Alhambra Casino.

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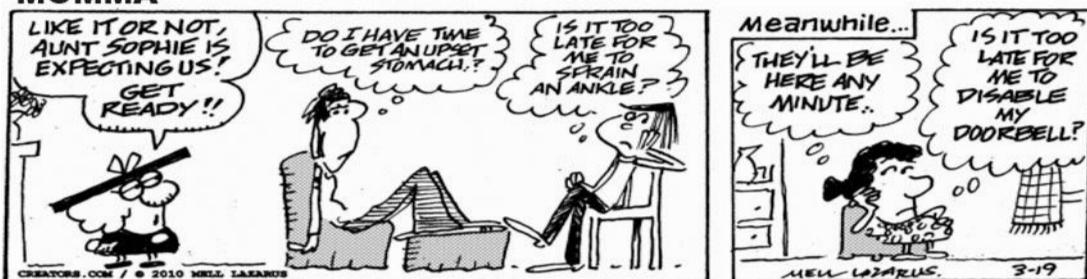
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- 1 Costa __
 - 5 American __ (Fox talent-search show)
 - 9 __ Antoinette
 - 14 Mideast sultante
 - 15 Opposite of "yep"
 - 16 Bad smells
 - 17 Share a border with
 - 18 Dog pest
 - 19 Carries
 - 20 Child's party game (2 words)
 - 23 Catch a glimpse of
 - 24 Some hospital workers (abbr.)
 - 25 Fish eggs
 - 26 Captain Jean-Picard (Star Trek: The Next Generation role)
- DOWN**
- 27 Never been used (hyphenated)
 - 32 Stand-up's milieu (2 words)
 - 36 Bullring cheer
 - 37 Have __ (nibble; 2 words)
 - 38 __ in apple" (2 words)
 - 39 Rhea Perlman's Cheers character
 - 41 "Help!" at sea
 - 42 People wonder about him (2 words)
 - 44 Most irritable
 - 47 Word before a maiden name
 - 48 Photographic blowup (abbr.)
 - 49 Roth __ (nest egg)
 - 50 Stomach muscles, informally
 - 53 Breakfast dish (2 words)

- ACROSS**
- 57 Find fault with
 - 59 Ballerina skirt
 - 60 Robe for a Julius Caesar actor
 - 61 Brimless Special Forces cap
 - 62 Assist a criminal
 - 63 Action-movie star Jackie __
 - 64 Transmits Lovett
 - 66 Round of applause
- DOWN**
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 - 2 Permeate
 - 3 Make happen
 - 4 One who is opposed
 - 5 Earliest childhood
 - 6 Barbie and Ken
 - 7 International oil group (abbr.)
 - 8 First wife of Jacob
 - 9 Movement
 - 10 Loved
 - 11 Goes bad
 - 12 Wrath
 - 13 Superman's symbol
 - 21 Unrefined
 - 22 Middle Easterner
 - 26 Tennis server's do-over
 - 27 Explosion
 - 28 Oxidation
 - 29 George Wendt's Cheers character
 - 30 Jazz singer Fitzgerald
 - 31 Move to solid food
 - 32 Unfortunate sight at the ski lodge
 - 33 Orchestral "tuning fork"
 - 34 Young lady
 - 35 Small, low islands
 - 39 Fatty part of milk
 - 40 A vote for
 - 42 Become liquid
 - 43 On the way (2 words)
 - 45 Was full of, with "with"
 - 46 City maps, often
 - 49 Computer chip maker
 - 50 Hello, at a luau
 - 51 Started
 - 52 Get up from a chair
 - 53 Admonish
 - 54 And others, in a list (abbr., 2 words)
 - 55 Red gemstone
 - 56 Do artistic work with acid
 - 57 Ammo for some air rifles
 - 58 Golfer Trevino

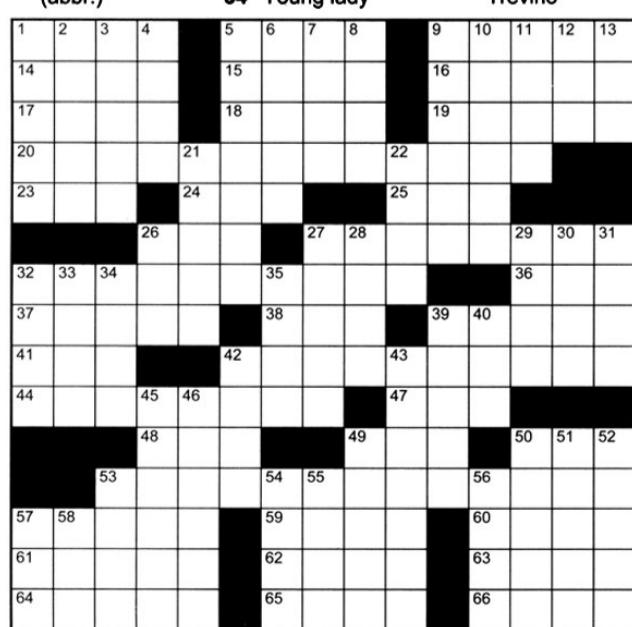
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European Union mulls emergency bank wind-up fund

BRUSSELS, Belgium – The European Union is considering making banks pay for an emergency wind-up fund in case one of them goes bust, in an effort to prevent another spiral like the one that followed the Lehman Brothers collapse.

Coping with banks on the verge of failure is central to the political agenda in Brussels and yesterday the bloc's financial markets chief Michel Barnier unveiled his ambitious plan, one that could face opposition from Britain.

"The financial institutions are going to have to be called upon to contribute to such a fund," said Barnier, commenting on a facility that would be tapped for a bank in serious difficulty. "Why should our citizens be footing the bill?"

Speaking at the same event, the head of the International

Monetary Fund, a lender of last resort for governments, proposed a similar scheme to help flagging institutions.

"What I think is needed is a European resolution authority, armed with the mandate and the tools to deal cost-effectively with failing cross-border banks," Dominique Strauss-Kahn said.

European governments, which were forced to bail out flagging lenders, are now looking for a way of preventing a repeat.

But who should pay to salvage a failing cross-border bank has provoked argument. The Commission will present a draft law in spring 2011 to harmonize tools national supervisors use to handle failing banks in a region where about 35 cross-border firms make up 70 percent of all deposits.

Europe turns towards IMF fix for Greece

BRUSSELS, Belgium – The euro fell sharply yesterday as the European Commission pressed EU member states to approve financial aid pledges for debt-laden Greece amid a shift toward IMF intervention in the crisis.

Days from a European Union summit, Germany officially declared its openness to an IMF appeal, an unprecedented move by a eurozone country, while the Netherlands and Finland also diverged from

a pact reached just days ago.

Greek Prime Minister George Papandreou used a two-day visit of his own to push heavily for national leaders to help his country borrow more cheaply when they gather in Brussels next Thursday and Friday.

Greece has made it clear that it could not meet its borrowing requirements at current rates while at the same time adhering to strict EU demands to slash its huge public deficit.

How to make your offer so appealing that customers beg you to sell - no matter what the price!

by Ken Varga



Hi, I am Ken Varga. I want to share with you some of the ideas, strategies, and principles that allowed me to build 35 businesses during my career.

By earnestly applying the ideas, you will learn how you too can build your business to success, while living an unhurried life, filled with family, friends, fun and a relaxed attitude.

When we ended the last Tip about guaranteeing purchases through risk reversal, I promised to write about the right way of guaranteeing a purchase and reversing the risk for the customer.

There are many ways to do this.

The key is that, if you know that your product or service will provide the customer with an absolute minimum level of results, you should have no problem or fear to state that performance guarantee to the customer.

The more specific, the more measurable, and the more tangible you can make the customer's expectation of a very specific outcome, the more appealing your proposition will always be to them.

Let me give you a couple of examples:

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Do you remember when Federal Express first started? If they didn't get the package delivered to your door by 10:30 am, it was their problem, not yours. They paid, you did not.

Now that's risk reversal.

Did you ever subscribe to a magazine or newsletter, and the reason you subscribed was that they gave you a 60 or 90-day, no-questions-asked, 100% money-back guarantee?

They reversed the risk in the hopes that you would try and like the magazine, or newsletter, so much that you wouldn't cancel your subscription.

The biggest single reason people don't buy products from companies, or professional services, is that they don't want to make a mistake. They don't want to look dumb or mess up.

If you can eliminate all together, the possibility, (not the probability, but the possibility) that anyone will ever screw up, that anyone will ever look bad for making their decision to buy, people can't help but take advantage of your product in much bigger purchases.

How often have we gone out to buy a car, wondering if the dealer is going to take advantage of our ignorance, and wondering if we paid too much for the car?

What if the dealer offered their vehicles with a no-questions-asked, one-month, 100% money-back guarantee on any new or used car that anyone bought from them?

That would be powerful, wouldn't it?

If you were ever going to buy a car, why in the world would you buy a car from a dealer when you might make a mistake and regret it a week later, when you could buy a car from another dealer with the above guarantee, and get 100% of your money back, no questions asked?

So think about this over this next week.

Think of the many ways you can reverse the risk for the customer and guarantee their purchases.

Risk reversal has made many a company highly successful.

I always recommend it when I consult with companies, because it's the easiest way to steal customers from your competition.

They'll come running to you in droves, once the word gets out about your guarantee and risk reversal offer.

We'll that's it for this Tip.

In the next Tip I'm going to write about a powerful way you can increase your customers' perceived value of your product.

See you then.

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Shell makes deep oil strike in Gulf of Mexico

AMSTERDAM, The Netherlands – Royal Dutch Shell revealed a discovery yesterday in the deep waters of the Gulf of Mexico that encountered roughly 530 feet of net oil play.

Shell said yesterday it uncovered a "significant" oil discovery in the eastern deep waters of the Gulf of Mexico.

The discovery in the Appomattox prospect was found in 7,217 feet of water in Mississippi Canyon blocks 391 and 392.

Shell drilled a 25,000-foot discovery well in block 392 that encountered roughly 530 feet of oil pay. A 25,950-foot appraisal sidetrack encountered roughly 380 feet of oil pay.

David Lawrence, executive vice president for exploration at Shell, said his company was pleased to add the latest discoveries to its growing portfolio in the Gulf of Mexico.

"Shell has the technology, the expertise and a skilled, mo-

tivated workforce to expand oil and natural gas production in the United States and worldwide," he added.

The deep waters of the Gulf of Mexico are considered one of the most promising resource basins in the world. International explorers say offshore exploration could ease U.S. dependence on foreign oil.

Shell said it plans additional appraisal wells in the region later this year.

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Acqua Condominiums Aruba reports accelerated construction pace



Acqua Condominiums Aruba reports that the first wing of the East Tower has reached the highest point of construction. Developers have just poured the 14th floor concrete beams, and are gearing up for the launch of the second wing construction.

Mid-year, Acqua Condominiums Aruba will be pouring the foundation for the South Tower, and begin work on community amenities such as the lagoon-style pool and tropical garden, the club house, business center, spa, restaurant and grand lobby, followed by the debut of the North Tower and the completion of the entire ambitious project by 2012.

Built on 30.278 m² of property land this exciting condominium project continues to attract buyers and investors, lured by the upscale elegance of the complex Mansions, Penthouses, Suites, Studios and Residences.

General Manager Jenner Florez and Managing Director



Oscar Helmeyer report that the development company is planning on doubling its workmen capacity within the next few weeks. Construction specialists recently laid off by the oil refinery will find new employment at Acqua Condominiums as plumbers, electricians and carpenters join the force in order to work on building the interiors.

"Work on the site has been in full swing since January 11th, when construction workers returned from their well-deserved Christmas vacation," explains Helmeyer. "And we are at the moment in negotiations with the department of labor to extend the number of

work hours to 18 a day, maintaining two full-shifts of laborers, and resulting in accelerated construction pace."

Acqua Condominiums Aruba began construction one year ago, and has been met with great enthusiasm from the get go. A stylish and contemporary sales center on Palm Beach, on the construction site, includes a number of model apartments with Kohler bathrooms and faucets, European style kitchens with granite tops, brand-name appliances, porcelain tiles, floor to ceiling UV-filtered hurricane proof windows and doors, all tastefully furnished and finished, and available for viewing.

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Cable networks eye Sarah Palin reality show

LOS ANGELES, California – Sarah Palin is closer to landing a deal for a reality show.

Sources say A&E Networks and Discovery Communications want to acquire Palin's project, which focuses on the ex-governor giving a guided tour of her native Alaska -- visiting fishing boats and taking a trip to a gold mine, to cite a couple of examples. Mark Burnett is executive producer of the project, whose working title is "Sarah Palin's Alaska."

A&E Networks hasn't officially put in a bid for the show, but sources indicate that the company is interested in the project for several of its brands -- A&E, History or Lifetime.

Discovery Communications is likewise vying for the project for one or more of its outlets, such as TLC. Some sources say the flagship Discovery Channel is no longer in play, while others say otherwise.

The former vice presidential candidate is asking for between \$1 million and \$1.5 million per episode, a hefty



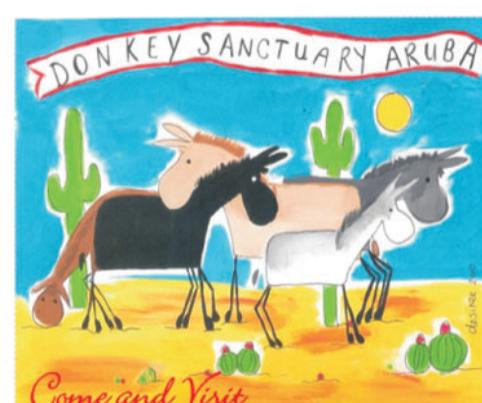
Sarah Palin

amount for a first-year cable series.

Palin initially pitched the show to broadcast networks. Given the show's laid-back nature theme and lack of high-stakes drama that tends to typify broadcast reality hits, industry executives see cable as a better fit.

A&E is the home of bold reality fare like "Intervention" and "Dog the Bounty Hunter," while Discovery has compatible outdoors series, such as Alaska-set "Deadliest Catch."

"It will sell," predicts one insider. "One way or another."



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Flamboyant Congolese bring dandy chic to Paris



French-Congolese fashion designer Jocelyn Armel, nicknamed "Le Bachelor" poses at his shop in Paris.



PARIS, France – Scarred by poverty and conflict over natural resources, Congo Republic is showing a brighter side with its most recent export: fashionistas bringing Con-

golesse dandy chic to Paris.

Known in their home country as "sapeurs" -- a play on the French word for "well dressed" -- Congolese luxury fans have perfected the art of matching candy-colored suits, crocodile shoes and rakishly cocked hats in an homage to male vanity.

And while the fashion trend started with Congolese migrants returning from France and displaying their wealth through luxury clothing, a new generation is proudly parading the colorful style of Brazzaville through the streets of Paris.

"Congo exports oil and timber, but now we have another raw material," said designer and self-confessed dandy Jocelyn Armel in his boutique in northern Paris, pointing to the pink and purple suits and matching ties around him.

"We came here, and we brought our history with us," said Armel, who designs all the clothes for his label, "Connivences", and produces them in Italy. Nicknamed "Le Bachelor," he was wearing tartan-patterned trousers, with a natty

handkerchief peeking out of his suit pocket.

When Armel set up his label five years ago next to an African hairdresser and a supermarket crammed with yams and bags of dried pulses, the dandies were not convinced. They preferred French brands such as Dior and Louis Vuitton.

Now, European fashion fans are discovering the style. French magazine L'Express has just published a fashion shoot about the "sapeurs," featuring handsome black men in sharp suits and loud colors. There are photo exhibitions on the trend at Paris's Dapper Museum and Amsterdam's Prince Claus Gallery.

"There are some women who are part of the movement, but it's mostly men," said Sébastien N'Djembo, a customer at Connivences in a carefully coordinated brown-and-caramel outfit.

N'Djembo organizes parties and dinners in Paris for members of the fashion movement, playfully named "La Sape" -- "The Society of Social Facilitators and Elegant Persons".

"In Brazzaville, dressing up is an institution. We hold fashion shows and vote for the chicest person of the evening," he said.

With the broader recognition comes a greater sartorial pride. Armel said his breakthrough happened when he dressed the body of a deceased Congolese pop star in baby pink for the funeral. It was then that even his snooty fellow "sapeurs" began to accept his creations.

"We display colors to show people that elegance doesn't just belong to Paris, London, Milan," he said.

"In Paris, we're a mixed society now, and us newcomers want to show that it's not all about navy blue and black... there are other colors that we love to wear, and this is how to wear them."

themselves as bystanders to a situation where a man made either a sexist remark at another woman or simply greeted her.

The students were then asked to rate their levels of anxiety and depression as well as their anger and fear toward men and their desire to move against or away from men.

The study showed that in addition to feeling upset, women were more likely to take the sexist remark as an insult to their gender, and feel greater anger and motivation to

take direct action toward men in general.

"Women are obviously implicated because they suffer direct negative consequences as targets of prejudice and, as the current work demonstrates, indirect consequences as bystanders," the researchers said.

"But sexism also harms men as well. Whenever a single man's prejudiced actions are attributed to his gender identity, male perpetrators impact how women view and react to men generally."

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Uruguay is wine world's rising star



Grapes are harvested at the Antigua Stagnari winery in Canelones, Uruguay.

MONTEVIDEO, Uruguay — Argentina has its Malbec. Chile has its Carmenere. Now Uruguay, not to be out-muscled by its more famous wine-producing neighbors, is taking the world of viticulture by storm, with its distinctive Tannat wines.

Uruguay, the fourth most important wine-producing country in South America, grows a variety of grapes, but none more celebrated than Tannat, which is fueling this tiny country's rise to prominence in the wine world.

Over the years Tannat has come to be seen as the quintessential Uruguayan grape and wine, representing about 40 percent of the country's entire wine production. Now bold and full-bodied Tannat wines are putting upstart Uruguay on the map, and winning prizes against competition fronted by more established regional rivals.

"Tannat is opening doors for us," winegrower Virginia Stagnari proudly stated. Her Italian immigrant family founded the Antigua Bodega Stagnari, some 20 kilometers north of Montevideo, one of this country's leading vineyards.

Although Uruguay's wines are just beginning to gain a global foothold, it has a long history of viticulture, dating back some 250 years when French and Spanish immigrants brought the vine to the New World.

The hardy Tannat grape, originally from southeastern France, was introduced to Uruguay in 1870 by the Basque Frenchman Pascual Harriague,

an immigrant who was looking for a varietal that would thrive in Uruguay's soil and climate.

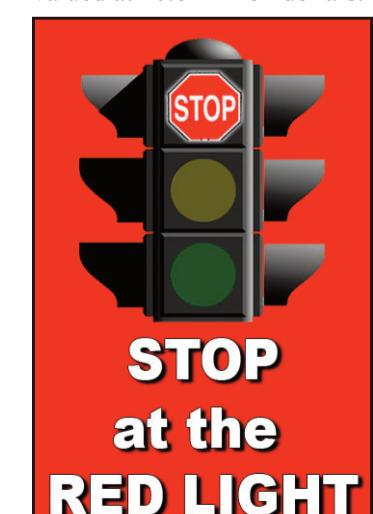
Since the 1990s, Uruguay has been exporting high-quality wine throughout Latin America, the United States and even in the countries of the Gulf.

This tiny country of some 3.4 million inhabitants, dwarfed by its larger neighbors Brazil and Argentina, now enjoys a growing reputation as a producer of superlative wines for a reasonable price.

Some 8,200 hectares of vineyards have been cultivated by some 1,800 wine producers.

Small scale viticulture allows for quality control and ensures the "traceability" of each bottle -- something that Uruguay's industry overseers INAVI, the national institute of wine culture, insists upon.

According to INAVI Uruguay exported 1.2 million liters of wine in 2004, with a value of some 3.3 million dollars. In 2008, it sold 13.4 million liters valued at 10.6 million dollars.



SPORTS

Woods won't have new sponsor logo on bag

PALM HARBOR, Florida — Tiger Woods won't replace AT&T with a new corporate sponsor on his golf bag when he returns at the Masters, instead using his Nike brand.

AT&T dropped him as a sponsor on Dec. 31 in the midst of the infidelity scandal.

It will be the first time since he turned pro that Woods has used an existing sponsor's logo on the bag. The golf bag and hat are the two areas in golf where companies get the most television exposure.

"We are not actively pursuing new business partnerships at this point in time," Mark Steinberg, Woods' agent at IMG, said Friday in a text message.

Steinberg said Woods will be using the "TW" brand at Nike, his longest corporate sponsor.

It will be the fourth logo on Woods' bag in his profes-

sional career. He started with Titleist from 1996 before signing an endorsement deal with Buick that lasted through the 2008, ending early when GM filed for bankruptcy.

Woods then signed on with AT&T, which also sponsors a PGA Tour event over the Fourth of July weekend that supports Woods' foundation. AT&T was the second sponsor (behind Accenture) to drop Woods over revelations he had been cheating on his wife.

AT&T is still title sponsor of Woods' tournament, although Woods will not be the tournament host this year.

Most of Nike's golfers have a clean look, with only the swoosh visible from head-to-toe. Woods was among the exceptions. Anthony Kim recently signed a deal to have Royal Bank of Canada on his bag.

Canucks sign F Kesler to 6-year contract extension

VANCOUVER, British Columbia — Canucks center Ryan Kesler (notes) signed a six-year, \$30 million contract extension on Friday that will keep him in Vancouver through the 2015-16 season.

In his sixth season with the Canucks, the 25-year-old Kesler has already set a new career high with 66 points in 71 games, exceeding the 59 points he recorded last season, when he was a Selke Trophy finalist as the NHL's top defensive forward.

"Ryan Kesler has excelled as a two-way player and in his role as an alternate captain, general manager Mike Gillis said. "Ryan has showcased his ability to perform under extreme pressure and we are looking forward to continuing to see Ryan develop into one of the League's premier players."

Kesler, who was drafted 23rd overall by the Canucks in 2003, has 17 points in his last 15 games, including a 13-game point streak that was the fifth longest in the NHL this season. He also scored two goals and was a key player in the United States' run to a silver medal at the 2010 Olympics in Vancouver.

The 6-foot-2, 202-pound center from Livonia, Michigan, has 86 goals, 206 points and 341 penalty minutes in 391 NHL games with the Canucks.

FIFA reports \$196M profit, \$1B reserve fund

ZURICH — FIFA says it made a profit of \$196 million in 2009 and increased its reserves to more than \$1 billion as soccer's commercial appeal defied the global economic crisis.

In its annual financial report published Friday, soccer's world governing body said it made its surplus on revenue of \$1.059 billion. It's an increase of \$12 million in profit from 2008.

FIFA president Sepp Blatter said he was a "happy president" that revenue had topped a billion for the first time.

"We are comfortable. I wouldn't say we are rich," Blatter said after a two-day meeting of FIFA's ruling executive. "A good result has been achieved."

NHL Standings

EASTERN CONF.				
Atlantic	W	L	Pts	
Pittsburgh	42	22	89	
New Jersey	42	29	88	
Philadelphia	37	29	79	
NY Rangers	31	27	71	
NY Islanders	29	34	67	
Northeast				
Buffalo	37	22	84	
Ottawa	37	29	79	
Montreal	36	29	78	
Boston	31	27	74	
Toronto	25	34	62	
Southeast				
W-Washington	47	14	104	
Atlanta	30	29	71	
Tampa Bay	28	30	68	
Florida	28	30	67	
Carolina	29	33	66	

WESTERN CONF.				
Central	W	L	Pts	
Chicago	45	19	96	
Nashville	40	26	85	
Detroit	34	23	80	
St. Louis	33	28	75	
Columbus	28	31	67	
Northwest				
Vancouver	44	24	91	
Colorado	40	24	86	
Calgary	35	26	79	
Minnesota	34	30	74	
Edmonton	21	42	49	
Pacific				
San Jose	43	17	96	
Phoenix	44	22	93	
Los Angeles	40	24	85	
Dallas	30	27	73	
Anaheim	32	29	72	

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NBA Standings

EASTERN CONF.				
Atlantic	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	43	24	.642	--
Toronto	33	33	.500	9.5
N.York	24	44	.353	19.5
Phil	24	44	.353	19.5
N.Jersey	7	61	.103	36.5
Central				
Cleveland	54	15	.783	--
Milwaukee	36	30	.545	16.5
Chicago	31	36	.463	22.0
Detroit	23	45	.338	30.5
Indiana	22	46	.324	31.5
Southeast				
Orlando	49	21	.700	--
Atlanta	43	24	.642	4.5
Charlotte	35	32	.522	12.5
Miami	35	32	.507	13.5
Wash.	21	45	.318	26.0

WESTERN CONF.				
Southwest	W	L	Pct	GB
Dallas	46	22	.676	--
San Ant.	40	26	.606	5.0
Houston	35	31	.530	10.0
Memphis	36	33	.522	10.5
N.Orleans	33	37	.471	14.0
Northwest				
Denver	47	22	.681	--
Utah	44	24	.647	2.5
Okl. City	41	25	.621	4.5
Portland	41	28	.594	6.0
Minn.	14	55	.203	33.0
Pacific				
LA Lakers	50	18	.735	--
Phoenix	42	26	.618	8.0
LA Clippers	26	43	.377	24.5
Sacra.	23	45	.338	27.0
Golden St.	19	48	.284	30.5

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	matinee:	12:30	3:15	late show: 11:00
R EDGE OF DARKNESS				
	daily:	4:30	7:00	9:30
	matinee:	1:45	late show:	12:00
PG BROOKLYN'S FINEST				
	daily:	6:00	8:45	
	matinee:	12:00	3:00	late show: 11:30
PG VALENTINE'S DAY				
	daily:	6:30	9:00	
	matinee:	12:45	3:45	late show: 11:45
PG ALICE IN WONDERLAND				
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GREEN ZONE (Drama/Thriller) : During the U.S.-led occupation of Baghdad in 2003, Chief Warrant Officer Roy Miller and his team of Army inspectors were dispatched to find weapons of mass destruction believed to be stockpiled in the Iraqi desert. Rocketing from one booby-trapped and treacherous site to the next, the men search for deadly chemical agents but stumble instead upon an elaborate cover-up.

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Gunners to face Barca, United get Bayern in Champions League



NYON, Switzerland – Arsenal will face Barcelona in the Champions League quarter-finals in a repeat of the 2006 final won by the Spanish giants.

Manchester United, beaten by Barcelona in last year's final, face Bayern Munich, Inter Milan are up against CSKA Moscow and Lyon were pitted against fellow French side Bordeaux in the draw made here Friday.

The first legs are scheduled for **March 30/31** with the second legs on **April 6/7**.

The semi-final draw was also held, with the winner of the United and Bayern tie meeting Lyon or Bordeaux, and Inter or CSKA playing Arsenal or Barca.

For Arsenal the draw offers up a chance to gain revenge on missing out to Barcelona 2-1 at the Stade de France in Paris four years ago.

It will also mean a return to the Emirates Stadium for Arsenal old boy Thierry Henry.

The Gunners motored into the last eight this time around with a 5-0 thrashing of 2004 winners Porto on Tuesday for a 6-2 aggregate victory.

Manager Arsene Wenger said: "I believe we will not be favourites but for me it will be a 50-50 game. That's how we have to take it."

Club secretary David Miles added: "This draw gives us what it gives us - we can only play and hopefully beat what's in front of us.

"Actually we owe Barcelona one - if that's the word. We'll be up for it - and we are looking to get a couple of decent results."

For three-time winners Manchester United Friday's draw meant they cross swords again with Bayern, the team they beat with two injury-time goals at the Camp Nou for the 1999 title.

But two years later Bayern beat United in the quarter-finals to go on to lift the trophy themselves.

Sir Alex Ferguson feels United have a "good chance" even though his side's overall record against the Germans makes for sobering reading - United's 1999 final win their only triumph in seven meetings.

"The history of playing Bayern in past European ties tells you it's going to be a very difficult tie for us," Ferguson told the club's website.

"It'll be a fantastic atmosphere in both games. They have a great stadium and a good pitch and we're up against a good, experienced team."

His Bayern counterpart, Louis van Gaal ranked United alongside Barcelona

as the competition's favourites.

"It's a difficult draw. Manchester United are enjoying a very good phase at the moment and it will be hard to beat them.

"English teams like to play and that will help us because normally our rivals like to only defend against us.

"For the fans it'll be a superb match."

Bayern captain Mark van Bommel added: "Manchester United are one of the great clubs of Europe, exactly like Bayern. The only negative point for us is that we have to play the second leg at Old Trafford."

This season's final is being staged at Real Madrid's Santiago Bernabeu stadium on May 22, the first time the final is being held on a Saturday.

Real's dream of lifting a tenth trophy on home turf were dashed by Lyon this week, with the former French champions' reward a date with Laurent Blanc's Bordeaux.

Lyon president Jean-Michel Aulas commented: "It's very special. At least it means there will be a French club in the semi-finals. It will also be a clash between the reigning (French) champions and the champions of the season before."

Jose Mourinho's Inter Milan, who ended Chelsea's European hopes, face a trip to first time quarter-finalists CSKA Moscow before the return leg at the San Siro.

Champions League quarter-finals

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St. John's fires men's basketball coach

NEW YORK -- St. John's Coach Norm Roberts was fired Friday after leading the Red Storm's men's basketball team for six years.

St. John's Director of Athletics Chris Monasch issued a statement announcing the change, saying the New York university expected "a high level of success on the court consistent with our tradition.

The Red Storm was 17-16 overall this season and 6-12 - 13th in the 16-team Big East Conference. The season ended with a 73-71 loss at Memphis in the first round of the NIT. It was the only season under Roberts that St. John's finished better than .500.

From the 2004-05 season until this year, St. John's was a combined 81-101 overall and 32-70 in the Big East.

Roberts became the Red Storm's coach while the team was under investigation for alleged illegal payments to a player. As a result the NCAA accepted school-imposed sanctions on scholarships and post-season appearances.

"Coach Roberts took over a very challenging situation and has advanced our program in many respects," Monasch said. "We appreciate the class and integrity he exhibited in his six years at St. John's."



INDIAN WELLS, CA - Rafael Nadal of Spain celebrates following his victory over Tomas Berdych of the Czech Republic during the BNP Paribas Open at the Indian Wells Tennis Garden in Indian Wells, California.

Manny appears to be heating up



PHOENIX -- Manny Ramirez's power returned, at least for his first-inning, two-run home run off Ryan Dempster in the Dodgers' 7-3 spring win over the Cubs this week.

"Keep 'em coming," said Jeff Weaver, and indeed that's the sentiment of the entire Dodgers Nation.

Ramirez had a power outage last year, when he hit only 19 homers in his suspension-shortened season. More indicative of his struggles was the .531 slugging percentage, 60 points below his career average.

"He did what he's supposed to do with a middle-in fastball," said Dempster. "It was fun -- good for him. It doesn't change my approach. He's a real good hitter. He's hit a few before, and I'm sure he'll hit a few after. And I've given up my share, too."

Ramirez stopped speaking to the media two weeks ago, so it is up to others to analyze where he is compared to last year, when he dealt with a shortened Spring Training, the 50-game drug suspension and a bruised wrist that was hit by a pitch.

"He got three hits in his last game in Taiwan. Timing-wise, he's fine," said manager Joe Torre. "He's hitting line drives. He's much more balanced than he was last year. I'm not really concerned about his ability to hit. He's been working on stuff and he feels good."

Teammates who saw the difference Ramirez made in 2008 know what he can mean to the lineup.

"Just his presence puts fear in the other team and definitely gives us an advantage," said Russell Martin. "He doesn't have to do what he did in '08. Just his norm -- 100 RBIs, .300-plus average, on-base percentage through the roof -- how can that hurt you?"

Shortstop Rafael Furcal, Ramirez's lockermate in the clubhouse, walked and stole

a base, looking more comfortable and aggressive than he has in nearly two years. What would it mean to have Furcal running and Ramirez slugging?

"I think we'd be a different team," said Furcal. "It's not easy to be out for a while and come back, no matter how hard you work. Practice is not like live pitching. You come back and every pitch looks like 100 miles an hour."

Ramirez, in his defensive debut this spring, also made a leaping catch on the warning track with the first ball hit his way by Tyler Colvin.

"He'll get a Gold Glove this year," said starting pitcher Chad Billingsley, who allowed one run in 4 2/3 innings with four strikeouts and a walk.

"He can catch the ball if he

Marlins, Mets to play series in Puerto Rico

JUPITER, Florida -- Expanding their market internationally has long been an objective for the Marlins.

This June, it becomes a reality.

Major League Baseball announced recently the Florida Marlins and New York Mets are switching their three-game set on June 28-30 from Miami to San Juan, Puerto Rico.

The games were originally slated to be played at Sun Life Stadium. Now, Florida will be the home team in San Juan.

"Being the Gateway to the Americas, we want to try to capture that market," said Claude Delorme, the Marlins' executive vice president of ballpark development. "There are a lot of people who were born in Puerto Rico and they live in Miami."

"The more they can adopt the Marlins, it just allows us to grow our fan base, and the business, over time."

Switching this series has been public for several

months. Florida began selling individual-game tickets at its annual FanFest on Feb. 13, but the club did not make these days in June available, anticipating the change to Puerto Rico.

Schedule Ballpark Tickets The games will be played at Hiram Bithorn Stadium, a 19,000-seat artificial-turf facility that has attracted big league games in the past.

From a league standpoint, the Marlins-Mets series will be the first MLB regular-season games played internationally since the Boston Red Sox and Oakland A's opened their 2008 campaigns in Japan.

It won't be the first time the Marlins and Mets play regular-season games in San Juan, either. When the Montreal Expos played home games in Hiram Bithorn Stadium in 2003-04, both teams made one trip to Puerto Rico in each season.

Hiram Bithorn also was a host park for World Baseball Classic games in 2006 and 2009.

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No problems with Jeter's throwing hand



TAMPA, Florida -- If Derek Jeter's throwing hand was bothering him at all while playing the field on Thursday, it came as news to manager Joe Girardi.

Girardi learned that there might have been an issue with his shortstop only after he was asked about it on the YES Network, after the telecast caught Jeter wincing and flexing his right hand while manning his position at shortstop during Thursday night's game against the Rays.

"He's fine," Girardi said. "I asked him and he said, 'My hand's fine.' I didn't know about it until they said it [on television] in the fifth inning."

Jeter almost never drops hints about possible injuries,

but he seemed genuinely puzzled when asked about his hand on Friday morning.

"There's nothing," Jeter said. "It feels good."

The play on which Jeter's hand may have been impacted occurred in the fourth inning, when he dove for a Pat Burrell single. There was no immediate indication of any pain. As Girardi pointed out, Jeter looked good enough in his next at-bat, when he singled off the Rays' Heath Rollins.

Jeter was in the lineup for the Yankees' 1:05 p.m. ET game on Friday against the Tigers at George M. Steinbrenner Field, batting leadoff against Detroit starter Rick Porcello.